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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Galzi et al. Confirmation No. 9642

Serial No. 09/445,205 GROUP 1655

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USE OF A FLUORESCENT PROTEIN FOR  
DETECTING INTERACTION BETWEEN A  
TARGET PROTEIN AND ITS LIGAND

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 6, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10, 12-21, 27, 28 and 32-35.

Please add the following new claims:

--36. (new) Process for detecting and/or quantifying  
non-covalent interactions between a target protein and one of its  
ligands, comprising:

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- preparing cells or cell fragments containing a DNA sequence comprising a gene expressing a fluorescent protein fused with a gene for the target protein, the fusion between the gene for the fluorescent protein and the gene for the target protein being such that the properties of the target protein are not modified by the presence of the fluorescent protein, wherein the